

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-9 have been rejected.

Claims 1 and 3-9 have been amended, as set forth herein.

Claim 2 has been canceled, without prejudice.

I. INDICATED ALLOWABILITY OF CLAIMS 1-9

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-9 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

With respect to the symbols c_0 and c_1 , the Applicants respectfully submit that these are constants known or readily ascertainable by those skilled in the art. With respect to the subscripts of M , definitions of α and ψ have been added to Claim 1 by combining the elements of Claim 2 into Claim 1. With respect to the superscript of H_s , the term in the equation is H_B . The subscripts/superscripts are believed to be understandable by those skilled in the art. Claim 9 has been amended to correct the noted antecedent basis issue and has also been amended to recite "performing at least a one of the following:" to clarify that steps b, c and d may occur singly or in some combination. See, published PCT application, Page 12, line 28.

Other amendments have been made to correct informalities. None of the claim amendments have been made for reasons relating to patentability.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 112 rejection of Claims 1 and 3-9 (Claim 2 has been canceled).

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figures 1 and 2 in accordance with the attached substitute drawing sheets for Figures 1 and 2 (as requested by the Examiner).

III. OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

Pages 1 and 2 of the specification were objected to. The reference to claims has been deleted.

IV. OBJECTION TO DRAWINGS

Figures 1 and 2 were objected to. Figures 1 and 2 have been amended to appropriately label all blocks therein, as requested by the Examiner.

V. CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining Claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

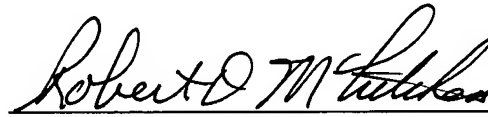
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *rmccutcheon@munckcarter.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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